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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, after "Cross Reference to Related Applications" with the following amended paragraph:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims priority from United States provisional patent application Serial No. ~~60/~~ 60/485,853, filed on July 9, 2003, entitled PALLET DISMANTLER, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph [0031] with the following amended paragraph:

[0031] As should be apparent to the skilled artisan, other changes can be made and still keep within the spirit of the invention. By way of example, shearing assemblies 22 may be made vertically adjustable, thereby accommodating various pallet configurations. Moreover, shearing blades 34 may take on various configurations. Moreover, while the cutting devices are illustrated as shearing blades, other cutting devices may be used. By way of example, a diamond wire ~~440111~~ may be positioned at the board support interface 28 and relative movement provided between the board support interface and the diamond wire to cut the fasteners. This may be accomplished by either moving the diamond wire, moving the pallet, or both. The cutting device may also be in the form of an air chisel 112, which may be positioned at any one of the board support interfaces 28 to cut the fasteners. Other cutting devices may be used.